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For anyone that needed info from what is happening in Alberta. I have established a contact person at Command level there earlier today for ESU/ PLT Planning purposes, just waiting to hear back from them as they are heavily engaged at the moment. If anyone else need that specific info, please let me know.

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Notes from 11:00am call:

- Perimeter remains unchanged; traffic points as far out as SJAM to Booth; Gatineau Police closed Portage for incoming; footprint around Bay, South to Albert continuing to Elgin (no Northbound traffic), Wellington to Rideau up Dalhousie, closed both sides of US Embassy on Murray and Sussex; 110 officers deployed; 28 OPP bolstering Traffic; 30 on quick response teams roving and providing relief; OPP doubled up with uniformed members; no major issues today; Traffic starting enforcement around periphery, no frontline update; ESU – 2 teams rotating deploying where crowds develop; working with RCMP, OPP, SQ and city partners at NCRCC and on ground; PLT working with protestors but no central command – many factions; working on short term wins – group on Kent may open one lane; seeing greater numbers on Rideau and Sussex; future planning ongoing with Bylaw and Fire; SCC looking beyond 12 hrs to get into a longer forecast;
- Intel – lots of activity; thousand-person counter protest application received by city, denied; uptake on Twitter to bolster numbers at protests; also counter-protestors pushing back and gathering; ESU has a good extraction plan but likely frayed interaction of protestors/counter protestors converging downtown; 3 POIs not arrested for MHA issues; out of play – conditions not to attend, one getting mental health assessment; RED RE is making his way to Ottawa, may speak later in the week; REDAC RED also on her way to Ottawa; Tamara Lich – organizer of GoFundMe for protestors has not been seen or heard from recently; foot traffic coming to protest this weekend – 1500 identified, 1800 interested; 14 ongoing investigations – 4 closed with no further action, 8 ongoing, 3 charges – Mischief, Carrying a Weapon to a Public Meeting and Uttering Threats; info has been put out; Supt. Dunlop and the Crown working very cooperatively together; briefing packages to be prepared for frontline to assist with enforcement; Hate Crime hotline is staffed, lots of complaints but no hate crime reports; extension 7300 receiving reports of criminal incidents – encourage reporting, serious action will be taken;
- Comms – release going out regarding War Memorial; need to report all incidences of criminality – sexual assault, spitting, etc;
- Chief – wants Board, Council to get high level of detail at briefings – give context, numbers expected, counter protestors, charges, arrests, provide real picture; need bigger, deeper engagement cycle – default to more info, not less; provide timely media releases; quick updates on investigations;
- FaceBook livestream currently inviting counter-protestors to a meet and greet in front of the police station between 4 and 6pm today, gaining traction;
- Critical to get more info regarding demonstration in Coutts, Alberta;
- Chief had a productive meeting with POUs yesterday – working on intel, investigations, legal, communications, PLT supports – list what they want; concern that it remain under Russ Lucas; A/DC Ferguson to follow up;

- Councillor McKenney contributed significantly to convincing organizers of a counter-protest not to proceed; other councillors should be encouraged to follow suit if issues arise, ensure they are aware of issues; info should go to A/Supt Zackrias and A/Insp. Mbakulo; Supt. Drummond to follow up with command centre for DNS;
- Some organizers have reached out to members of the indigenous community to work as allies – this will likely not get traction; to be looked into and possibly a letter sought; Supt. Dunlop to reach out if necessary; C. Marsh doing a good job of communicating with elders; other indigenous communities in Ontario have indicated they do not support the protest;
- Supt. Drummond and A/DC Ferguson to discuss capacity issues of dealing with public complaints;
- Comms – Navigator engaged; release about 3rd arrest; another to come on War Memorial; if there are comms needs send to Julie Kavanagh; Council meeting important – need up-to-date info to make meeting successful; need control of BIA list – they need more info;
- Chief – more timely info for briefings, more intel, more investigative updates, more reporting, more contact; our best supporters are saying we are not giving enough information; bring ASI, Navigator and Comms together to leverage power;
- Command needs to be more visible to community – get in front of camera, more interviews – every day;
- REDACTED
- ESU visible in core is effective; over-service, not over-police; larger uniformed presence in immediate areas needed; ESU to bolster visibility for as long as possible before demonstration heats up on the weekend;
- Arrests and charges – not to just focus on Provincial Act, traffic violations – charge those causing most gridlock; hold protestors to account; get info – license plates, photos so charges can be laid, not just Ontario protestors;
- A/Supt Zackrias tasked with ensuring high level of duty of care; he has identified 10 more members; officer visibility and care in the community will be extremely important – large impact needed today and tomorrow; high visibility; high service, high touch, high support; community needs to feel it;

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